

Environmental Tidbits

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Announcements

Attention MBP3 Members – annual reporting forms for 2007 are now available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements_189893_7.doc

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Summer Job Posting – see attached

Environmental Awareness

How to slow St. Clair flow still in question

Leaders of a \$15-million study of lake levels in the upper Great Lakes -- Superior, Michigan, Huron -- and St. Clair said they're not yet sure whether the St. Clair River might need gates or weirs to halt its flow. Source: Detroit Free Press (2/20)

Bottled Water Overview

http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/bottled_water/

National Recycling Coalition's Green Meeting and Events Guide

<http://www.nrc-recycle.org/Data/Sites/1/nrcgreenmtgsguide.pdf>

National Geographic survey talks green biz

<http://www.ngslis.org/enews/20071205.html>

The Greening of the Great Lakes

<http://www.greeningofthegreatlakes.com/>

Michigan's Call to Action on Aquatic Invasive Species

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---,00.html

Toxic Release Data Available to the Public Earlier than ever

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/D49F50302F66942B852573F600574A5C>

United Nations Environment Programme 2008 Yearbook

http://www.unep.org/geo/yearbook/yb2008/report/UNEP_YearBook2008_Full_EN.pdf

League of Conservation Voters 2007 Environmental Scorecard

<http://www.lcv.org/scorecard/>

DHL Completes More Eco-Friendly Ship Voyage as Industry Comes Under Fire

http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=55596

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Nike Makes Shoes From Trash, Nokia Envisions Remade Cell Phones

http://www.nikebiz.com/media/pr/2008/02/13_Nash.html

Michelin to Spend Millions Developing Fuel Efficient Tires

<http://www.greencarcongress.com/2008/02/michelin-invest.html>

Most Global FT500 Companies Address Climate Change in Non-Financial Reports

<http://www.corporateregister.com/>

New Sustainability Program Launches Comprehensive Push to Green Campuses

<http://www.aashe.org/stars/>

Energy Related

U.S. DOE to provide funding for 13 lighting projects

<http://www.energy.gov/news/5983.htm>

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

Invention to Venture Entrepreneurial Workshop at Lawrence Tech

Date: Friday, February 29, 2008 as part of Michigan Entrepreneurship Week. To register, visit

<http://www.invention2venture.org/Itumichigan/>

Sustainable Energy Project Development Workshop for Public Institutions

Date & Time - Thursday May 22, 2008, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, MI - www.oakland.edu/map

The workshop will discuss wood chip boiler systems and community & small scale wind power. These two types of projects use well proven, available technology to provide cost savings projects that can provide your institution with the foundation for a sustainable energy supply.

See the complete agenda and program announcement at

http://www.oakland.edu/energy/Energy_Project_Workshop_May_2008.htm

Green Jobs Conference

www.greenjobsconference.org

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Informational Requests

If you have information or comments regarding "Informational Requests", please send them to Jeff Spencer, MBP3 Coordinator, at spencejl@michigan.gov (unless otherwise indicated).

1. There is about 15-20 semi loads of 50 year old oak dimensional lumber available. Dimensions range from 1X6 to 12X12. This is in Indiana and intended for the landfill. It has been stored outdoors for at least the last year. For that reason, it would have to be evaluated before considering it for furniture manufacturing, flooring or other 'show' applications.

They'd like to avoid the landfill or waste to fuel options if possible. Photos are below.

If interested, or have ideas contact: Martin Jacobson, jacobsom@toast.net
517-740-7583 cell phone



Thanks and certainly feel free to ask any questions or provide any additional information.

2. We have an inventory of paint we no longer use. We have about twenty-five 5-gallon pails of water-based black, twelve 5-gallon pails of aluminum enamel, and nine 5-gallon pails of miscellaneous colors. We will give them away to anyone who would like them unless you know of a better way to get rid of them. I suspect we could even arrange to deliver them if necessary depending on the location. If interested, please contact Bob Van Dyke (AUTOMATIC SPRING PRODUCTS) at (616) 296-6203.

Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d

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